



## Oregon Potato Commission

September 25, 2001

Congressman Greg Walden  
1404 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Walden:

On September 6, 2001 the members of the Oregon Potato Commission met in Klamath Falls, Oregon and passed a resolution "in support of issues on a national level concerning the potato industry in the Klamath Basin, specifically the withholding of irrigation water and related endangered species act reform legislation and appropriations bills that could benefit area producers." At this meeting Commissioners reviewed several bills pending in the U.S. Congress. The purpose of this letter is to forward endorsement of the following bills on behalf of the Oregon Potato Commission.

- ❖ HR 2827: The Klamath Basin Economic Disaster Relief Act of 2001.
- ❖ HR 2828: The Klamath Basin Emergency Operation and Maintenance Refund Act of 2001.
- ❖ HR 2829: The Sound Science for Endangered Species Act Planning Act.
- ❖ HR 2585: Feasibility Study at the Chiloquin Dam on the Sprague River in Oregon.

In addition, we were asked by area growers to encourage the National Potato Council to become more active with its Endangered Species Subcommittee. This letter will be forwarded on to the National Potato Council office and I am sure support will be forthcoming from Congressional delegates from all of the states around the country that work with this national potato organization.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments and for your valued support of Oregon's potato industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. N. Wise", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

William N. Wise, President & CEO

cc: Oregon Potato Commission members  
District Chairmen of Oregon Potato Growers Associations  
National Potato Council